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WHITE HOUSE PASS TO SECRETARY ROGERS AT SAN CLEMENTE.

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SANTIAGO FROM SECSTATE APR 1.

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TAGS: CI, PFOR, US

SUBJ: US- CHILEAN BILATERAL TALKS

REF: A. SANTIAGO 1341. B. STATE 55858.

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTER
ALMEYDA OF THE U. S. POSITION ON THE BILATERAL TALKS
AS SUMMARIZED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF REF A, WHICH
ACCURATELY REPRESENTS THE POSITION VERY CLEARLY STATED
IN THE TALKS AND WHICH CONTINUES TO BE THE USG POSITION.
YOU MAY ALSO DRAW ON REF B AS APPROPRIATE. WITH RESPECT
TO PARAGRAPH 14 B OF REF A RELATING TO LETELIER' S
STATEMENT THAT WE REQUIRED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT,
YOU WILL NOTE FROM REF B THAT WE DID NOT " PUT FORWARD"
THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MATTER, BUT RATHER EM-
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PHASIZED THAT THE PROCESSES AND MECHANISMS ON THE CHILEAN SIDE FOR REACHING A SOLUTION WERE PURELY A CHILEAN MATTER. THE CHILEAN DELEGATION ITSELF RAISED AND CONCENTRATED THE FOCUS ON A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR INSISTENCE THAT AN AMENDMENT WAS THE ONLY ROUTE WHEREBY COMPENSATION COULD BE EFFECTED.

2. FYI. LETELIER'S MAJOR DISTORTIONS OF THE USG POSITION AND OTHER INACCURACIES SEEM TO US TO BE CALCULATED AND SUGGEST THAT THE GOC HAS TAKEN AT LEAST A SEMI- FINAL DECISION TO PROVOKE A " CON- FRONTATION". WE SPECULATE THAT THE GOC POSTURE MAY BE BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT THE SITUATION IS AS GOOD TACTICALLY (THE ELECTION RESULTS, ITT, THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE OASGA) FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW AS THEY CAN EXPECT IT TO BE. WE WANT YOUR JUDGMENT ON THESE AND ASSOCIATED POINTS. END FYI.

3. IN TAKING THIS MATTER UP WITH ALMEYDA, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU ARE DOING SO (A) AT THE REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR LETELIER; AND (B) BECAUSE OF OUR STRONG CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT, CONFIRMED BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON, AT THE BREACH BY THE CHILEAN SIDE OF OUR AGREEMENT THAT NEITHER PARTY WOULD GO TO THE PRESS WITH ITS UNILATERAL VERSION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS. YOU SHOULD IN THIS RESPECT UNDERLINE THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR CALL ON BOTH SIDES TO REFLECT ON EACH OTHER'S PROPOSALS AND THEN DECIDE ON HOW TO PROCEED.

4. ON THE FMS DEBT QUESTION, WE ARE PREPARED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AS WORKED OUT LAST AUGUST ON PAYMENTS DUE IN 1972, WHICH PROVIDED FOR RE- SCHEDULING 70 PERCENT OF THOSE PAYMENTS BEGINNING IN CY 1975 AND RUNNING TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF EACH SPECIFIC AGREEMENT. PAYMENTS DUE IN 1973 AND 1974 WERE TO BE MET AS SCHEDULED. INOSTROZA TOOK THE POSITION THAT HE WOULD SIGN ONLY IF CHILE WERE ADDITIONALLY RELIEVED OF ALL FMS PAYMENTS FALLING DUE IN 1973 AND 1974, STATING THAT THIS WOULD CONFORM SUBSTANTIALLY TO WHAT THE GOC INTENDS TO REQUEST OF THE PARIS CLUB AT ITS NEXT MEETING. OUR
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RESPONSE WAS THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE CHILEAN

REQUEST FOR A MORATORIUM ON 1973 AND 1974 FMS DEBT
BUT ARE READY TO SIGN THE 1972 FMS RE- SCHEDULING AS
ORIGINALLY AGREED. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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